

HE WENT WELL

Sgt. Widdifield Tells of Army Operations in Manila.

REALISTIC STORY OF AN ALARM

Americans Remove Insurgents in Manila—Shells and Bullets Killed and Wounded.

Dear Widdifield, a Honolulu boy in one of the first California regiments writes from Manila one of the most interesting war letters possible. The composition is most creditable to the young man. Poor letters from dull paid correspondents have been published everywhere, some with the story of his mother and sisters—Mrs. M. C. Widdifield and daughters. Widdifield was offered a special detail before the fighting, but prefers to remain with his company.

Camp Fetter, August 16, 1898.

Since then, I have lived through a night and an engagement in the trenches; all of which I must tell you about. As you can see by the reading of this letter we are no longer at the Port of Cavite, but are encamped about three and a half miles from Manila with two Spanish lines and our own entrenched about two miles from where we are. When we first landed at this camp from Cavite, the insurgents occupied our encampments. At the Spanish army only fight at night it seems. It gives our nerves considerably whenever we hear a few shots or the heavy boom of the cannon. After a while we become so used to it that we hardly notice the firing at all.

After we had three or four thousand troops were here in camp, the insurgents were driven out of the works and the Americans took their places.

Now we deserve our first engagement.

We had just turned in, sleeping as quiet a room as we had been in the house of David, when we heard the heavy boom of a gun and then the roar of musketry.

It gradually grew louder and louder, and then we heard the sharp notes of the bugle to arms in rapid succession. It didn't take long for us to turn out and put on our hats, and grab our guns and fast into line. It was impossible to see who of the enemies that the boys came out in, so for me, I turned out in pants, vest and cap, and fell into line.

We thought at first it was only a skirmish to try us, but it was soon realized.

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Engagement No. 2. This was a bigger and a big one, as you can see by the papers. It was 11:30 when we were awakened by the most awful racket one can imagine. The wind was blowing almost a gale and it was raining torrential down all you could hear the rattles and the crash of musketry and still louder was the sound caused by the big 10-inch guns of the Spaniards.

Again as soon as we awakened the bugle sounded "to arms" very quick in the Spanish camp, and the cheers of those boys were taken up by us, as we hastily jumped into our clothes and threw on 100 pounds of ammunition and jumped out into line. We started out on the double quick and in 15 minutes were within 100 yards of our own entrenched, where the tenth Pennsylvania and Utah battery were fighting for their lives. You could hear the crash of our volleys as they were hurled into the Spanish lines and the deep "boom-boom" of the cannon and the shriek of the shells as they came into our camp and the rip of the Spanish rifle bullet as it sped by our ears. We then realized that we were in battle and had to do or die. We were then advanced to within 100 yards of the trenches and Company L, 10th Company, acted as the support and we had to stand and do and make ourselves as comfortable as possible under the circumstances, while the shells whizzed over our heads or burst around us. The first shell to fall in our midst fell within six feet of me and failed to explode. When morning broke I went out and found it just where we had seen it fall. I saw the shell come coming towards us and called out for the boys to fall as a shell was coming; we immediately fell on our faces and so escaped if it had exploded. The six of the Mauser bullets of the Spaniards and the whirr of their big brass coated buttons made us quiver as they tore just about a foot off our heads.

Well, to make a long story short, the battle continued for three hours or more, and then died away. Company L lost not a man, although we had several narrow escapes. Fourteen American soldiers were killed and 45 wounded. The Spaniards lost 100 killed and 1,200 wounded and were defeated in their attack on our trenches. Capt. Richter was wounded and died yesterday; he was a Captain in our regiment. The first sergeant in one of the other companies in our regiment was killed.

The saddest and most heart-breaking sight was the burial of the dead soldiers. I can assure you all that we

were in the midst of all this, realize in full the horrors of war, as since that battle nearly every night someone is killed or wounded. But this is what we signed for and there is no backing out by any one. They all seem more eager than ever now for vengeance. The Spaniards have lost about 2,100 killed and wounded and we have lost about 15 killed and 60 wounded, so you see we are doing well.

The Monterey has just arrived and we expect that when she shells the town the Spaniards will give up; if they do not, even though we may lose a lot of our men, they must and will be defeated. It is not a picnic to be sure, but from now on will be a hard, hard fight. We all felt rather scared the first night, but now we can stand the fiercest fire without a flinch from any one. Our company went out the other night and lay for twenty-four hours in the trenches waiting for an attack from the Spaniards, but they did not show up. Last night, however, they opened fire on our trenches and killed three men and wounded eight. They must have lost a couple of hundred men, according to accounts. Well, so much for the fighting; I am safe and sound and expect to pull through all right. We are to make a combined land and naval attack tomorrow, so the report goes, and expect the fighting will all be over in a day or so. We may not have to fire another shot and then again may be obliged to fight for our lives, although I don't think it. We expect the call to arms any moment."

You may give my best regards to all of my friends at home and tell them I thank them all for the kindnesses they showered upon me during those two short days with them in Honolulu.

THE NEW PASTOR

Rev. Wm. Kincaid Arrives to Take Up His Work.

Met Many Members of Congregation at Mid-Week Meeting. Made a Brief Address.

Rev. William H. Kincaid was presented to the members of Central Union church at the mid-week meeting held in the Sunday school parlors last evening. He will conduct the services next Sunday. The new pastor of Central Union arrived by the Moana yesterday and is quartered at the Arlington. With him are Mrs. Kincaid, Miss Anna Kincaid and two young nieces, Douglas and William, Jr., Miss Elizabeth Northrop, daughter of Dr. Cyrus S. Northrop, president of the Minnesota State University, is also a member of the party. Her father is one of the most distinguished educators of the Middle West.

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Mr. Kincaid expressed himself last night as delighted with Honolulu and the climate. He was very greatly pleased with Central Union church and believed his work here will be most successful.

The new pastor was accompanied to the church last evening by W. W. Hall, Rev. W. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. Kincaid, and made a few remarks.

He said he had come to preach strictly the gospel of Jesus Christ, which impressed his audience very favorably.

At the meeting an informal reception was tendered the pastor.

The new pastor will have his home in the Moana valley.

LETTER OF THANKS.

Field Hospital Corps Appreciated the Local Y. M. C. A.

Before the Scandia sailed on Wednesday Secretary Coleman, of the Y. M. C. A., was waited upon by a delegation of the field hospital, Eighth Army Corps on board the U. S. transport steamer Scandia, to present a bandoneon to the officers of the Association of Honolulu. The kindness of the officers of the Association is the one bright spot in our visit to this beautiful city of Honolulu, and one which our members will long retain.

BAND AND STEAMERS.

Minister Cooper has taken the practice of the band in playing off steamers when it has other engagements in town, that is why the Alameda was not played on yesterday, the band having the regular concert on the Executive building.

GOOD ENOUGH TO TAKE.

The finest quality of loaf sugar is used in the manufacture of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and the roots used in its preparation give it a flavor similar to that of maple syrup, making it very pleasant to take. As a medicine for the cure of coughs, colds, etc., it cures and cures quickly. For sale by all druggists and dealers. Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for H. L.

BULLETS IN USE

Take Place of Ballots in Colorado Politics.

Factions Fight at a Republican Convention—All Armed—Silver Split the Cause.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Sept. 7.—Early this morning a riot occurred in the Colorado Springs opera house between twenty-two men, representing State Chairman Blood and the Teller faction of the Silver Republican party, and Sheriff Dotson and Chief of Police Daugherty, with about seventy-five men representing the Welder-Stevens faction.

Charles Harris, of Denver, was killed being shot through the house, and another man was slightly injured.

The opera house is now in possession of the police, deputy sheriffs and supporters of ex-Chairman Broad. No one is allowed near the house. This morning the Welder-Stevens faction applied to Judge Lent for a writ of mandamus compelling Chairman Blood, who was then in possession of the opera house, to turn over the building to the ex-Chairman Broad. The writ was refused.

"At 4:30 this morning," said ex-Mayor Plumb, "twenty-two of us were inside the opera house. Suddenly a fusilade of shots was fired through the front and side windows. Then in a second the doors were burst open, and in rushed from seventy-five men.

They were forced out of the building. Sheriff Dotson and Chief of Police Daugherty were right west in the front ranks."

The police and sheriff's officers claim that the attack was made entirely by men brought by the Welder-Stevens faction. The police say that they were rushed in after the attack began. It is a peculiar fact, however, that they were all on hand. An attack was made upon the building from front and back. Sheriff Dotson and Chief Daugherty took command of the opera house and made a thorough search. The sheriff said they discovered a whole arsenal in the building. The officers seized six Winchester rifles and many revolvers.

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LOCAL BREVIETIES.

Sugar, 4 1/4; very strong.

Miss H. R. Lewis, the stenographer, is quite ill.

The bark J. C. Glade, from Bremen with immigrants, is due.

Most of the business houses in town will be closed tomorrow.

Hutchinson Plantation at San Francisco, \$59; firm and scarce.

Harry Corson Clark is playing with his comedy company in Oakland.

Nap made while here a clever sketch of Frank Davey, the photographer.

Hawaiian Commercial at San Francisco, \$27.25; steady and liberal sales.

Edgar Caplyss has been admitted to practice law in the courts of Hawaii.

J. M. Miller, representing the Chicago Inter-Ocean, sailed by the Moana for Australia.

Dr. McDowell has addressed the Commission in favor of an open franchise for native Hawaiians.

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